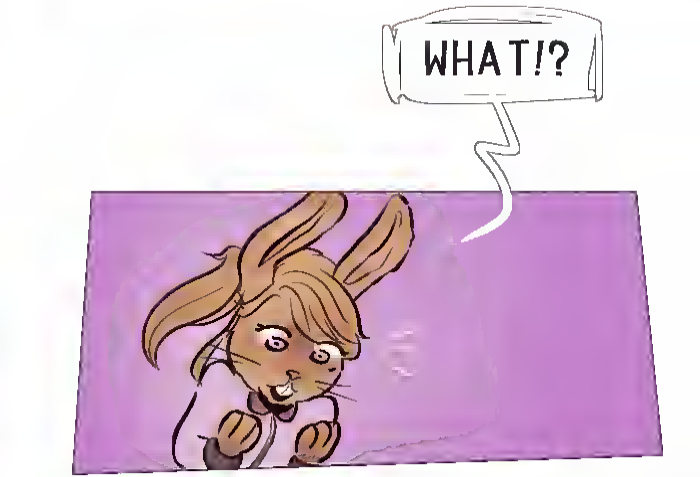
UNDER THE ASCOTS

OKAY... APPARENTLY ALMOST ALL OF US HAD ONE OF THESE WEIRD SCROLLS WITH WRITING ON THEM.

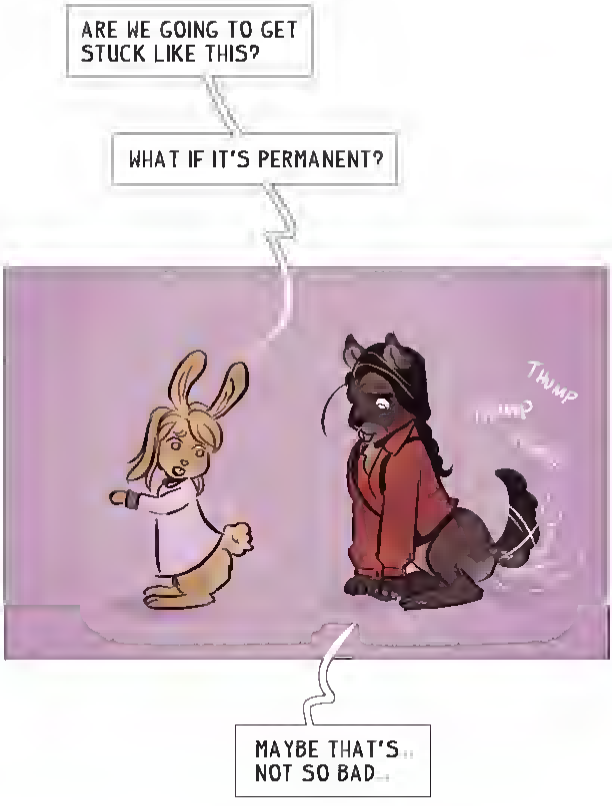
AND WE DIDN'T MENTION A THING?

THESE TWO ARE THE ONES GAWAIN FOUND BACK IN--


WHAT!?

WHAT HAPPENED TO US??!
I DON'T KNOW--!

IS THIS THE CREATOR'S IDEA OF A *JOKE?!*
HOW PECULIAR


ARE WE GOING TO GET STUCK LIKE THIS?
WHAT IF IT'S PERMANENT?
THUMP
MAYBE THAT'S... NOT SO BAD...

THIS IS *NOT* FUNNY.
STOP LAUGHING, GAWAIN!!!
PFFAHAHA
HAHAHA!

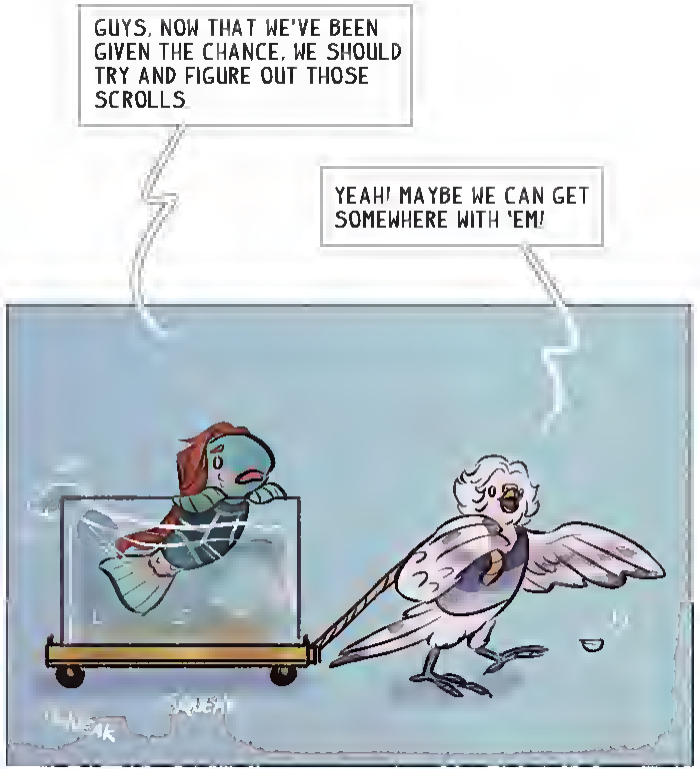
THIS IS STUPID. WE HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO THAN COUGH UP FUR BALLS!
WE SHOULD PROTEST AGAINST THIS AND--

UURK!
WRAP
WRAP

GET THAT THING AWAY FROM ME!!
FORGIVE ME, I AM STILL LEARNING TO CONTROL IT--

AS I WAS *SAYING*...
WE NEED TO--

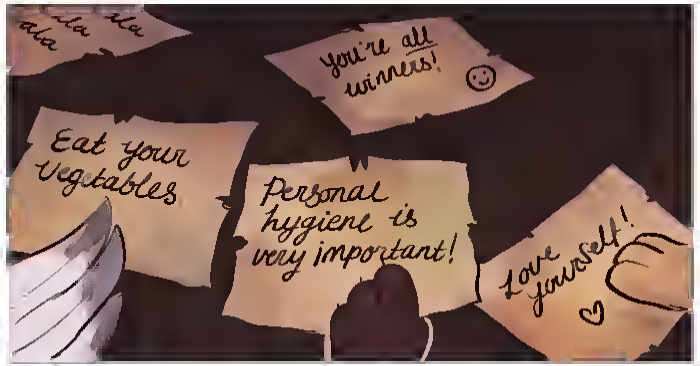
PAY ATTENTION!!
WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE!?
Who's a good boy?!?


GUYS, NOW THAT WE'VE BEEN GIVEN THE CHANCE, WE SHOULD TRY AND FIGURE OUT THOSE SCROLLS
YEAH! MAYBE WE CAN GET SOMEWHERE WITH 'EM!

LET'S READ THEM AND FIND OUT WHAT THEY SAY...
WHAT THE FIRST WIELDERS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO TELL US...

I...I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS...
THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT...
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE...

BRO...
IT'S...WORSE THAN WE THOUGHT...


You're all winners!
Eat your Vegtables
Personal hygiene is very important!
Love yourself!

I'M GONNA...TRY AND SLEEP THIS OFF...
A NAP *DOES* SOUND NICE.

zzzzz
zzzzz

MEANWHILE...

SOMEWHERE IN THE DESERT...

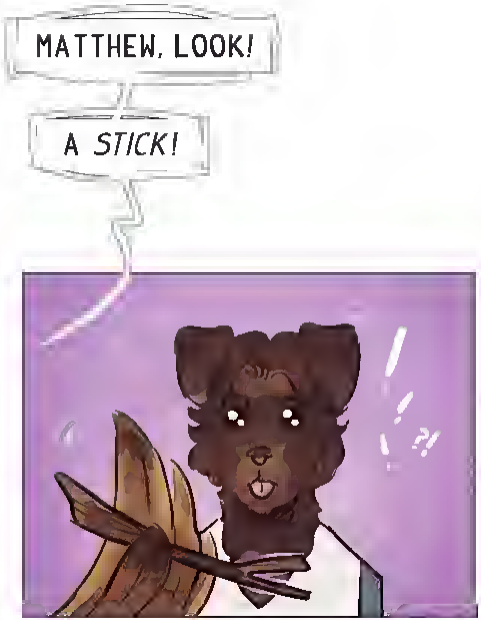
I SENSE SOMETHING IS DIFFERENT...
BUT I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO PUT MY FINGER ON IT

MEANWHILE...

A THOUSAND YEARS AGO...

YOU ARE MERELY ENVIOUS THAT I AM SUCH A LARGE, MAJESTIC CREATURE!
NOW WHY WOULD I FIND A SMELLY, OVER-GROWN HOUSECAT MAJESTIC?

I SUPPOSE IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE...
WHY YOU LITTLE WEASEL!


MATTHEW, LOOK!
A *STICK*!
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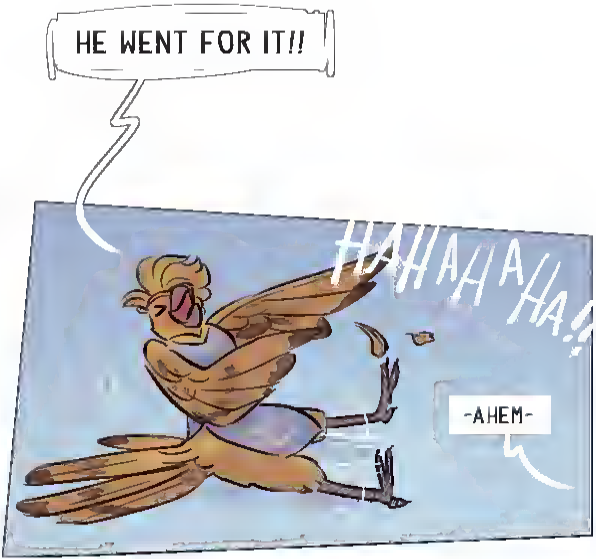
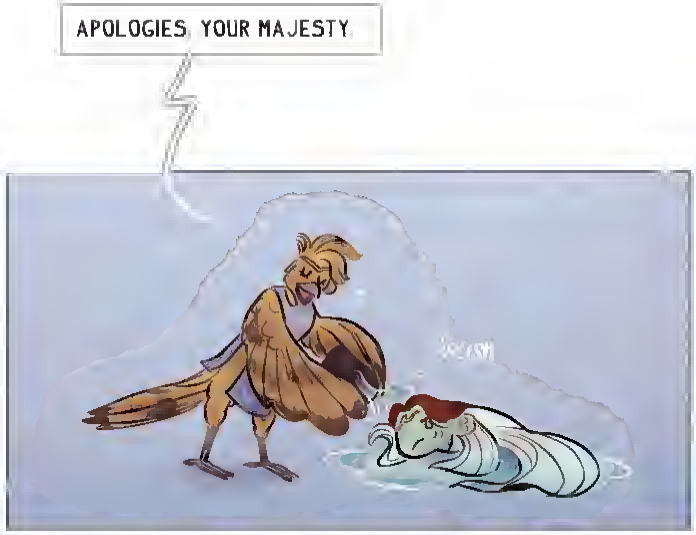
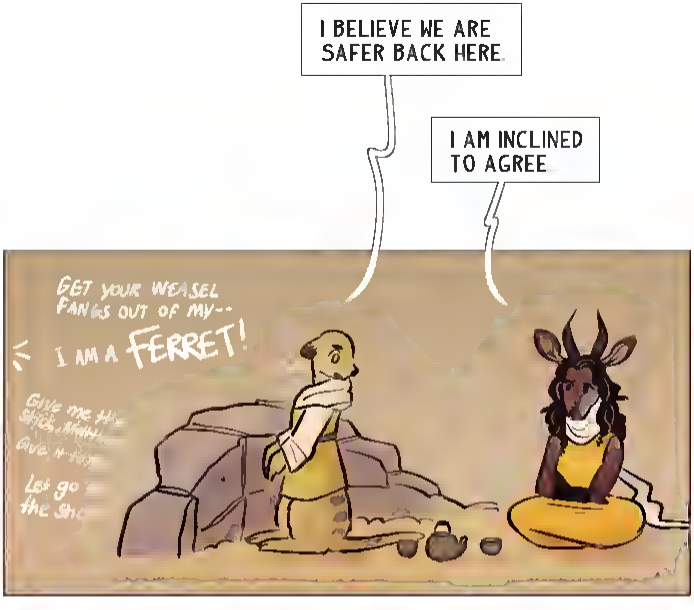
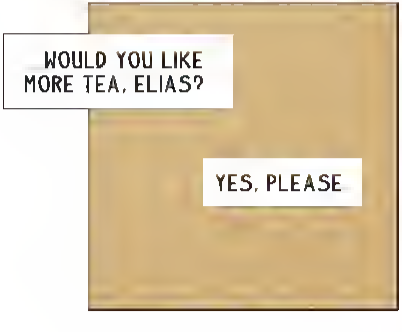
FETCH!!


HE WENT FOR IT!!
HAHAHAHA!!
-AHEM-


APOLOGIES, YOUR MAJESTY

WHAT IS IT YOU SEE, SATO?


I BELIEVE WE ARE SAFER BACK HERE.
I AM INCLINED TO AGREE
GET YOUR WEASEL FANGS OUT OF MY--
I AM A FERRET!


WOULD YOU LIKE MORE TEA, ELIAS?
YES, PLEASE

I'M JUST GOING TO TAKE THE DAY OFF.